

COST \$1,394,899 TO COVER SHOCKOE

Estimate by Bolling Does Not
Include Acquiring Right-
of-Way.

THREE SUBMIT BUDGETS

Engineer City Home and Street
Cleaning Departments Pre-
pare Want Lists.

The total cost of constructing side
walks, invert and arch covering for the
improvement of Bacon Quarter Branch
and Shockoe Creek, from Broad Street
to Hermitage Road, according to esti-
mates submitted by the City Engineer
to the Administrative Board yesterday,
would be \$1,394,899.11. The sum does
not include the cost of acquiring prop-
erty for the right of way.

Mr. Bolling's estimate for the big
undertaking is significant in the view
of present city-wide agitation for a
redemption of the valley for manufac-
turing sites. The project has received
strong endorsement from business men,
who believe that the expense of cover-
ing over Shockoe Creek and redeeming
the valley would be more than return-
ed to the city in the form of taxes on
the improvements that would imme-
diately follow.

A resolution now pending before the
City Council would leave the cost of the
project by supplying the day labor from
the City Jail. It was introduced
by Councilman Vonderhey.

Engineering Budget.
Budget estimates for the year 1914
were submitted yesterday to the Ad-
ministrative Board by the City Engi-
neering Department, the Street Clean-
ing Department, and the City Home
City Engineer Bolling submits an elab-
orate table of needs totaling \$4,374,-
600.44. The budget is cast on liberal
lines, and is accompanied by a letter
from Mr. Bolling, indicating the most
immediate needs.

The totals for each division are given
as follows:

Street Department—street improve-
ment, including sewers and bridges,
North Richmond, \$2,029,831.41; streets
generally, South Richmond, \$117,275;
sewers, South Richmond, \$449,846; Ba-
con Quarter Branch and Shockoe Creek,
\$1,394,899.11; opening and widening
streets, \$159,000; parks and grounds,
\$252,496.50; James River improvements,
including dock, \$91,750.75; house of
comfort, Mayo's Island, \$2,500; total,
\$4,374,600.44.

Park Allotment.
Mr. Bolling's plans for the improve-
ment of the city parks are indicated

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CHARGES BRANDED FALSE BY NOELL

Committee Investigates Accu-
sations Made by Editor of Rad-
ford Paper.

REPRESENTS NORMAL SCHOOL

Several Witnesses Examined and
Accused Man Makes Lengthy
Explanation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
East Radford, Va., December 16.—In-
vestigation of the charges made some
time ago by Wise Worrell, editor of the
Radford Record, against Robert J.
Noell, secretary-treasurer of the State
Normal School in Radford, was made
today in the Mayor's office here, by
the special committee of the board of
trustees, Dr. Tucker, of Buckingham;
Dr. Buchanan, of Marion, and D. F.
Wilson, of Russell. Lee Trinkle, of
Wytheville, appeared as attorney for
Mr. Worrell, and Evelyn Boyd, of
Richmond, appeared for Mr. Noell.

The charges were read and the min-
utes of City Council were drawn upon
in support of charges that Mr. Noell,
as a member of Council, had used his
power unlawfully.

Captain J. G. Osborne, a member of
the Council, was called and questioned
in support of these charges. F. M.
Jones, acting fund commissioner of
the city, was questioned as to a loan
obtained from the fund by Mr. Noell.
Deputy Clerk Smith, of the Christian-
burg court, was questioned as to cer-
tified copies of records offered to prove
that Mr. Noell had been guilty of violat-
ing the liquor laws.

Mr. Hagen, partner in the drug firm
of Thompson & Hagen, of Christians-
burg, testified as to transactions in
which irregularities were alleged,
and R. L. Jordan, attorney, was ques-
tioned on the charge relating to use
of post-office funds.

Interest particularly centered in the
testimony of Mr. Noell himself, under
direct and cross-examination, which
reviewed the whole case. The witnesses
were called immediately after dinner.

Of the charges relating to certain
street improvements, in which his own
property benefited, Mr. Noell said the
Council had arranged to widen the
streets, and that he was one of several
owners whose buildings were moved
back and put on new foundations at
the city's expense, the owners giving
to the city a strip of land needed for
the widening.

Post-Office Shortage.

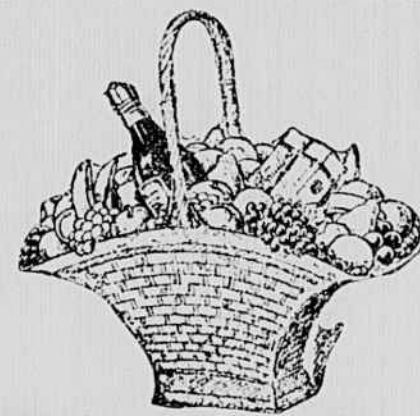
Regarding the alleged shortage in
the post-office funds, he said that some
sixteen years ago, when he was post-
master, he had been away ill when the
department inspector arrived, and word
was sent to him that additional money
was needed to balance the accounts.
As Mr. Jordan had testified, he went to
him and obtained a loan, and then went
to the post-office and made the amount
right. The deficit amounted to \$150,
and was due to the fact that as an ac-
commodation he cashed some checks
of perfectly good people and his clerk
had advanced himself something on
salary. He was under bond for \$25,000,
and was himself worth about \$15,000.
He thought some discrimination could
be used in such matters. He had never
taken a cent of government money,
and held his successor's receipt for all
due to the government.

Mr. Jordan had gone to Washington
to consult Congressman Oney and Con-
gressman Swanson about the matter,
and they had taken it up with the de-
partment, and he report was ever made
on it.

The Liquor Cases.

In the matter of the liquor cases in
Christiansburg, that was about twenty-
six years ago, he said. He and his
partner had been in the drug store
there, followed the practice, which
had preceded them. The law per-
mitted the sale of whiskey when com-
pounded on a doctor's prescription. His
partner, Dr. Wilson, drew prescriptions,
and the clerk filled them. He

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BRISTOL FIGHTS TO KEEP POST-OFFICE

Men From Virginia Side of Line
Given Hearing by House
Committee.

Washington, D. C., December 16.—The
House Committee on Post-Offices to-
day heard a delegation of representa-
tives from Bristol, Va., in their
efforts to prevent the closing of
the post-office on the Virginia side of
the State line. There were present
Representatives Sloop, John W. Price,
S. V. Fulkerson and G. B. Francis.
Other side of the line also had
John H. Caldwell and E. K. Bacon.
Mr. Sloop took the lead for the
Virginia side of the matter, reviewing
at length the history of the establish-
ment of the post-office in Virginia, and
gave the committee some valuable in-
formation which it did not before pos-
sessed.

Mr. Price also told the committee
what was done in the matter last
summer, when a delegation of about
fifty Bristol citizens came to Wash-
ington and remained several days in their
efforts to prevent the office from being
closed. He reviewed the industrial and
commercial activities of Bristol, and
urged the committee to take no ac-
tion which would jeopardize its in-
terest.

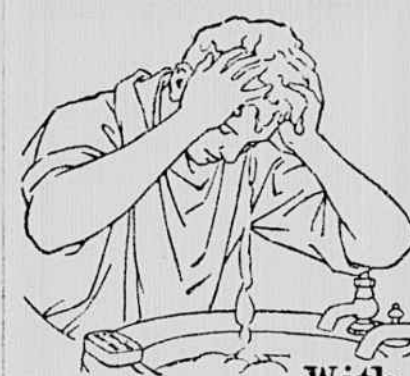
Representative Holland, who is a
member of the committee, asked the
witnesses a number of questions, which
indicated his interest in the matter.
The two representatives sent from the
Tennessee side also made arguments in
behalf of only one post-office, to be
located on their side.

It is understood that with the ex-
ception of Chairman Noon, the other
members of the committee are favor-
able to a continuation of the post-
office on the Virginia side of the line.
P. H. McG.

New Officers for Orange Fair.

Fredericksburg, Va., December 16.—
The Orange County Fair Association
for 1914 has elected the following of-
ficers: H. O. Lyne, president; S. W.
Hill, J. P. Vanderhoff and Thomas At-
kinson, vice-presidents; Roy W. Car-
ter, secretary and manager; board of
directors, Dr. H. S. Willis, E. M. Tim-
berlake, E. F. Somers, R. D. Browning,
W. N. Green, H. T. Holladay, Jr., R.
F. Holberton, A. C. Vamberger, T. G.
Scott, W. F. J. Camper, Jack Woodruff,
William DuPont, W. L. Kirby, A. A.
Lane, T. O. Gillum, W. F. Jones, J. N.
Andrews, W. L. Bradbury and George
W. Barber.

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Uptown Stores: 506 E. Marshall.

had consulted the judge and the Com-
monwealth's attorney about the matter,
and believed that he was within the
law. His firm had been acquitted once;
again there was a hung jury, and once
there was a conviction, with a fine of
\$100. This was reversed. Other cases
had been dismissed, as the Common-
wealth's attorney believed there was
no intent to violate the law. Mr. Noell
said he had evidence as to what the
Commonwealth's attorney believed, but
Mr. Trinkle refused it, declaring that
to prove it the attorney would have to
be summoned.

Referring to the sinking fund loan,
Mr. Noell described the property and ex-
plained in one night a deal with the
double what it needed. The sinking fund
commissioner had previously testified
as to his satisfaction with the security.
His failure to get the approval of the
Council had been after the fact. After the
transaction was made, was due to his
following the precedent of Captain Os-
borne, his predecessor. The loan was
\$2,500. The commissioner said that
he supposed on the ground that the
firm of Surface & Flanagan for the
acquisition of certain water rights, at
a cost in excess of \$1,000, the amount
the Council is permitted under the law
to appropriate without further time,
Mr. Noell said he was but one of the
Council and the hasty action had been
due to a belief that the local water
power company meant to block the
deal, which had been designed for the
city's interest. The water supply had
been reported on adversely by the
health officers. Furthermore, the Coun-
cil had been in conflict with the com-
pany in the matter of rates. The city
had been charged \$28 a light for thirty-
four lights, while the railroad had
been charged but \$18 a light and had
used but five.

Mr. Trinkle held that the charges were
that Mr. Noell had voted illegally, and
that with his long service in the Coun-
cil, he must have known that he was
voting illegally, and therefore knew
that the city's money was being ex-
pended illegally. Mr. Byrd said that
legislatures continually passed laws
which were declared unconstitutional
by the courts, but those who had voted
for such laws were not thereby deemed
guilty.

The charge made by President Bar-
ringer regarding a loan made to the
Baldwins, of Radford, by Mr. Noell as
a member of the finance committee of
the V. F. L., was taken up by Mr. Noell,
who said that it was made in ac-
cordance with a plan which he origi-
nated, and which had been approved
by the board of visitors, and which
had increased the interest on the in-
stitution's money from 3 per cent given
by a bank to 6 per cent. The money
loaned here was protected by security,
which included not only the Radford
Roller Mills, but First Street property,
insurance policies and the indorse-
ments of Captain Baldwin and his son
and their wives.

In the matter of a charge of wilful,
deliberate and malicious injury on prop-
erty for which the water-power com-

pany several years ago got \$700 dam-
ages from Mr. Noell, Mr. Noell said
that a contractor, who was moving a
small house for him, had cut a guy
wire which stretched across the street.
He had seen the situation when it was
late to stop it. The injury resulted
from the falling of a pole supported
by the guy wire, the crossing of wires,
and consequent short circuiting.

Produces Letter.

Regarding the note transaction, in
which it was charged that he had con-
tinued to accept payments on notes
which he had negotiated, a letter was
produced from Mr. Thompson, of
Thompson & Hagen, of Christiansburg,
saying that the transaction had been
entirely satisfactory to him, and that
Mr. Noell had been very kind in ex-
tending time.

The evening session was devoted to
summing up. Mr. Trinkle said that it
had been argued that Mr. Noell had not
been criminally guilty, but in Virginia
something more was sought in public
office—a man should be above sus-
picion. Where there was so much
smoke, he said, there must be some
fire, and he quoted from Dr. Paul Bar-
ringer's attack on Mr. Noell.

Mr. Byrd attacked Mr. Worrell, whom
he declared to have been used by oth-
ers, and referred to the Ward fight and
the bitter feeling which had grown out
of it.

The committee will report to the
board of trustees its findings.

The hearing was largely attended.

Examinations Will End Friday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Cluster Springs, Va., December 16.—
First term examinations began at

Cluster Springs Academy on December
15, and will end Friday evening, when
most of the faculty and students will
leave for their homes.
The term has been a most successful
one, good order and studiousness hav-
ing characterized the entire student
body to a marked degree. School will
reopen on January 6.

Turner—Eubank.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Headsville, Va., December 16.—Miss
Eubank, daughter of William
A. Eubank, of Kilmarnock, and Gus-
tavius B. Turner were quietly married
in Baltimore on Wednesday. Imme-
diately after the ceremony they left
for a Northern trip. On their return
they will make their home in Kilmar-
nock.

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December 17 to 25, December 31 and
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